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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

In New York, prices ended the week unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was generally steady entering the weekend. Demand was light to at times fairly good. Supplies ranged sufficient to instances available, usually adequate to in balance. Breaking stock offerings were closely balanced to fully sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were adequate for a fair to moderate demand. Processing schedules were noted as normal for next week.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Cartoned egg sales were moderate to instances fairly good and were slowly improving each day. Loose egg demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to balanced for all sizes.

	Range	Mostly	IA-MN-WI	Prices paid to producers.	Range	Mostly
EXTRA LARGE	40-50	41-47				
LARGE	39-49	40-43	LARGE	22-31	26	
MEDIUM	32-42	34-37	MEDIUM	17-21	19	
			SMALL	5-7		

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail and distributive demand ranged light to moderate. Supplies were sufficient to occasionally available for trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were adequate for normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	50-64	50-53
LARGE	44-58	49-53
MEDIUM	35-48	40-42

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Cartoned egg sales were moderate to at times fairly good and continued to improve day by day. Loose egg demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to balanced for all sizes. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were closely balanced to adequate. Demand was light to occasionally moderate with graded loose shell eggs less available into breaking channels than previously noted. Floor stocks fully adequate to instances ample. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	49.5-58	51-54
LARGE	45.5-54	47-50
MEDIUM	39.5-48	41-44

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady entering the weekend. Demand was generally moderate. Supplies were usually adequate for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were fully sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Breaking schedules were about normal. Light type hens were adequate for a fair to moderate demand. Processing schedules were noted as normal for the upcoming week.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	48.5-62.25	50-53
LARGE	47-60.25	48-51
MEDIUM	36.5-44	37-41

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK EGGS Prices ended the week unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment entering the weekend was generally steady. Retail demand was light to mostly moderate. Supplies remained adequate to fully sufficient for current trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	58-62
LARGE	56-60
MEDIUM	47-51

MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	47-56	49-53
LARGE	46-55	47-49
MEDIUM	39-48	42-44

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WESTERN REGIONAL Prices unchanged. The market tone was steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes throughout the region. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings in fair balance.

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. The market tone was steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes. Retailer demand mainly moderate. Offerings adequate. Small benchmark price 58.

CALIFORNIA Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	103
EXTRA LARGE	95
LARGE	85
MEDIUM	78

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	76-92
EXTRA LARGE	74-83
LARGE	72-75
MEDIUM	65-68

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	259-309
EXTRA LARGE	219-289
LARGE	179-229
MEDIUM	179-199

CENTRAL REGION BREAKING STOCK Breaking stock prices were unchanged to higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were closely balanced to adequate. Demand was light to occasionally moderate with graded loose shell eggs less available into breaking channels than previously noted. Floor stocks were fully adequate to instances ample. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	31-33	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	18-22	18-20
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, WI		

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Mostly prices were generally unchanged when compared to early week trading. Trade sentiment was steady with offerings fully sufficient, but not as available as last week. Demand was light to moderate. Breaking schedules were about normal. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 08-Oct-2005 were 3% less than the previous week, but 2% more than a year earlier.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	28-34	31-33
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	16-23	17-21
EASTERN STATES AREA: AL, CT, DE, FL, GA, KY, ME, MD, MA, MS, NH, NJ, NY, NC, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT, VA, WV		

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 08-Oct-05

	(Lbs. in Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)			
Total Production	Cases Brkn	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Ined.
CW	1,386,852	32,812	13,386	7,279	3,055	4,640
PW	1,430,365	34,118	13,211	7,041	3,351	4,774
LY	1,296,158	30,102	12,386	6,675	2,243	4,493
% PW	-3%	-4%	1%	3%	-9%	-3%
% LY	7%	9%	8%	9%	36%	3%
2005	52,509,582	1,237,705	514,034	275,366	117,665	177,246
2004	49,340,562	1,170,176	474,369	256,454	109,553	169,112
% YTD	6%	6%	8%	7%	7%	5%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included)	41.91	41.35	41.40
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded)	38.56	38.01	37.93

IN-LINE PRODUCTION (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include a limited amount of off-line source material)

	Cases Broken		Liquid whole	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	607,998	43.8%	15,673	47.8%
PREVIOUS WEEK	625,091	43.7%	16,075	47.1%
LAST YEAR	504,285	38.9%	12,991	43.2%

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices unchanged. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 08-Oct-2005 was 5% less than the previous week. Frozen demand moderate with freezer stocks adequate.

Wholesale selling prices, f.o.b. shipping point (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	RANGE
WHOLE	54-58
WHITES	40-43
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	76-79
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	74-77

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg ranged unchanged to 1 cent lower with whites and salted yolk unchanged. Sugared yolk ranged unchanged to 1 cent higher. Trade sentiment was steady for all frozen products. Offerings were adequate for the current demand which was reported as mostly quiet to instances moderate as many buyers purchase on an as needed basis. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were higher when compared to last week's reported prices.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	RANGE	MOSTLY
TRUCKLOTS		
WHOLE	48-51	49-50
WHITES	35-38	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	71-73	
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	68-70	

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Majority prices were unchanged on yolks, but unchanged to higher on whites and whole when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to fair. Offerings were sufficient for trade needs, but still generally held with some confidence. Trade sentiment was somewhat mixed on whole, but usually steady on all items. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 08-Oct-2005 were 3% less than the previous week, but 9% higher than a year earlier.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	TRUCKLOTS	(MIN. 25 CONT.)	LTL
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	47-54	49-52	54-59
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		64-85
WHITES	32-38	35-38	40-55
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	68-75	70-73	76-84
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	65-70	68-70	73-82

(/) - Whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids.

NATIONAL DRIED Mostly prices were unchanged on albumen and yolks, but unchanged to slightly lower on blends and whole when compared to a week earlier. Trading was light with offerings irregular from plant to plant but usually reported as sufficient to limited. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 08-Oct-2005 were 9% less than the previous week, but 36% higher than a year earlier. The total year to date production on dried eggs produced were up 7% over a year ago.

Wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb., in containers, Trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

WHOLE	1.52-1.85	MOSTLY	1.65-1.70
YOLKS	1.65-1.85	MOSTLY	1.65-1.75
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.19-2.40	MOSTLY	2.25-2.40
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.29-1.50	MOSTLY	1.30-1.40

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk reported at 57 to 61 cents fob with pasteurized whites too few to report. Trade sentiment was unsettled for whole egg, steady to instances fully steady for whites, and steady for yolk. Offerings were fully adequate to mostly ample for whole egg and adequate to fully adequate for whites and yolk. Demand was fair for whole egg at discounted price levels with yolk and white demand fair to fairly good. Central States breaking stock prices were higher when compared to the previous week's reported prices.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LW
WHOLE	17	25.5-34	28.88	-1.21
WHITES	13	20-20.5	20.23	.40
YOLKS	14	63.5-64.5	64.04	-.71

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR OCT 07, 2005-OCT 13, 2005

CURRENT LOADS 80.75								FUTURE LOADS 43.00				TOTAL LOADS 123.75							
SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		SW							
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS				
GNR W 1	28.67	—	29.50	31.71	—	—	7.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	40.25	2.00				
GNR W 3	—	28.00	—	—	23.50	—	1.00	GL W J	55.00	—	—	—	—	61.42	.75				
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	72.00	1.00	GL W XL	43.50	42.20	—	—	—	49.67	18.00				
GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	.25	GL W LG	37.20	37.50	—	—	36.00	43.72	12.00				
GL W XL	—	—	40.50	41.91	35.81	36.50	45.50	GL W MD	31.33	—	31.50	—	—	38.38	6.50				
GL W LG	—	—	36.50	38.00	30.50	33.00	9.25	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	—	27.00	1.00				
GL W MD	—	—	27.67	30.81	29.25	—	10.75	GL BR J	—	—	—	—	—	79.50	.25				
GL W SM	23.50	27.00	21.50	23.50	17.00	—	6.00	GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	76.50	1.00				
GL BR J	—	—	—	—	65.00	—	.25	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00				
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	62.00	—	1.00												
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	34.00	—	—	.25												
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	30.14	57.00												
NRBS - 45	—	—	31.00	33.00	—	—	1.00												
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	22.30	24.80	5.00												
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	21.50	16.00												

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL

WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to moderate for the adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	5-13	9-10

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Pricing levels on spent fowl were TFEWR. Demand was fair for adequate supplies. Schedules were set by a slow call for dressed hens. Costs were expected to remain constant.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate with demand light to moderate. Trade sentiment steady. Processing schedules were full-time for next week.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	5-11	6-9

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules moderate. Offerings adequate.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report for heavy canners; unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was about fair for light canners; fair to no better than moderate for heavy canners with most available supplies being used internally. Offerings were more than sufficient for current trade needs. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady to about steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
20-29 MAJORITY 24.5-25.5	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
21-31 MAJORITY 26-27	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 08-Oct-05**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,250	1,445	2,695
Last Week	1,250	1,132	2,382
Same week yr ago	1,270	1,512	2,782
To-date/2005	58,522	56,594	115,116
To-date/2004	54,574	54,002	108,576

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	136	18	154
Last Week	218	0	218
Same week yr ago	185	8	193
To-date/2005	10,476	58	10,534
To-date/2004	9,789	98	9,887

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,386	1,463	2,849
Last Week	1,468	1,132	2,600
Same week yr ago	1,455	1,520	2,975
To-date/2005	68,998	56,652	125,650
To-date/2004	64,363	54,100	118,463

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL OCT 14, 2005

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	51.50	51.00	41.00
SOUTHEAST	51.50	49.50	39.00
MIDWEST	44.00	41.50	35.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	52.50	48.50	42.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	49.96	47.61	39.63

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending October 01, 2005		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Liquid	358	374	13,118	13,027
Frozen	0	0	130	11
Dried	0	56	490	549
Total	358	430	13,738	13,587

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending October 01, 2005		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Liquid	145	98	5,325	6,875
Frozen	0	40	708	1,366
Dried	0	0	371	1,853
Total	145	138	6,404	10,094

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending October 01, 2005		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Jumbo	17	0	179	378
Extra Large	2,650	6,230	166,775	150,164
Large	3,970	14,980	258,118	309,760
Medium	2,070	2,826	84,265	100,699
Ungraded	12,330	6,696	142,594	244,662
Misc	0	0	8,053	16,790
Total	21,037	30,732	659,984	822,453

1/ Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

2/ Includes revisions to previous week(s).

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.

MONTHLY INVENTORY U.S. DRIED EGGS As of September 30, 2005
COMPARISONS ON THE BASIS OF MATCHED PLANTS

CLASS	NUMBER OF POUNDS	% CHANGE LAST MONTH	% CHANGE LAST YEAR
WHOLE			
PLAIN	4,024,584	1%	67%
FREE FLOWING	5,806,497	-9%	-4%
SUBTOTAL:	9,831,081	-5%	16%
WHITE (ALBUMEN)	8,998,873	-3%	52%
YOLK			
PLAIN	1,913,277	30%	49%
FREE FLOWING	6,029,735	16%	25%
(w/sodium silico aluminate)			
SUBTOTAL:	7,943,012	19%	30%
BLENDS 1/			
WHOLE	1,580,052	-6%	14%
WHITE	77,950	-32%	24%
YOLK	31,850	-33%	147%
SUBTOTAL:	1,689,852	-8%	16%
TOTAL:	28,462,818	1%	30%

DRIED EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION:SEPTEMBER 4, 2005- OCTOBER 1, 2005 **TOTAL 11,984,000 LBS.**

Calculations were adjusted to represent matched plants from current month compared to previous month, and current month compared to previous year. Subsequently, the percent change calculations may be based on different cooperators if directly compared with data on previous reports.

1/: Blended with a percentage of additives including, but not limited to sugar, salt, soy, and corn syrup.

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

W/E 08-Oct-2005		CASES		(Receipts From Producers)	
REGIONS	(IN THOUS)	PW	LY	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
North Atlantic	238.3	1	-7		
East North Central	610.6	0	9		
West North Central	273.6	-3	-5		
South Atlantic	199.2	3	-9		
South Central	60	8	-14		
West	198.7	2	-3		
Total	1580.4	-1	-1		
Matched Plants reporting		86	85		

Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)

East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)

South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)

West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 08-Oct-2005		C/W		L/W		PERCENT CHANGE	
Selected Consuming Centers	(Thousands)	LW	LY	LW	LY		
Atlanta	27.7	23.5	18	-12			
Boston	3.3	3.2	3	-3			
Chicago	92.0	91.9	0	52			
Detroit	21.8	21.2	3	-15			
Kansas City	2.9	2.1	38	45			
Los Angeles	111.2	112.5	-1	28			
New Orleans	5.5	4.6	20	-43			
New York	30.6	30.6	0	3			
St. Louis	16.6	16.3	2	-11			
San Francisco	18.4	17.1	8	-7			
Total	330.0	323.0	2	15			
4 Week Moving Avg.	316.1						

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

		Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
AM	10/10/05	3,418	111,331	57,346
AM	10/01/05	3,350	115,061	55,027
CHG		68	-3,730	2,319
PCT CHG		2%	-3%	4%

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT

Oct 11, 2005

Prices paid per dozen Grade A Brown eggs in cartons delivered store door.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	109	99	71	40
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	104-108	94-98	64-68	33-37
MOSTLY	106-107	96-97	66-67	35-36
RHODE ISLAND	108-112	98-102	70-74	39-43
MOSTLY	108	98	70	39
VERMONT	109-110	99-105	71-75	-
MOSTLY	109	99	71	-

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